# MINUTES

OF THE

## FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

# UNITY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

## BETHSALEM CHURCH, CHILTON COUNTY, ALA.

OCTOBER 5, 6 and 7, 1897.

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OFFICERS.

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## ADDRESSES OF CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES TO REPORT NEXT SESSION.

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| *Foreign Missions* . . | C. Johnson . . | Montgomery, Ala |
| *Home Missions* . . | W. L. Jones . | Independence, Ala |
| *State Missions* . . . | W. J. Ruddick . . . | Stanton, Ala |
| *Education* . . . . | H. W. Caffey . . | Verbena, Ala |
| *Bible Schools* . . . | W. I. Mullins . . | Clanton, Ala |
| *Ministerial Education* | W. J. Martin . . . | Clanton, Ala |
| *Orphans' Home* . . | T. U. Crumpton . | Maplesville, Ala |
| *Periodicals* . . . . | Judson Strock . . | Verbena, Ala |
| *Temperance* . . . | L. B. Pounds . . . | Clanton, Ala |

"Brethren, write your reports on one side of the paper."

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Devotional Exercises, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
2. Introductory Sermon, 11 a.m.
3. Call to order, after dinner.
4. Letters read.
5. Organization.
6. Read Rules of Decorum.
7. Ministers not messengers invited to seats.
8. Admission of new churches.
9. Correspondence received.
10. Appoint Committees to report this session—
    - On Preaching this session.
    - Letters and Documents.
    - Aged and Infirm Ministers and Families of Deceased Ministers.
    - Deceased Ministers.
    - Nominations.
    - Apportionment.
11. Committees to report next session—
    - On Missions—State, Home and Foreign.
    - Bible Schools.
    - Temperance.
    - Periodicals.
    - Orphans' Home.
    - Ministerial Education.
    - Education.
12. Reports are in order after organization.
13. Miscellaneous business when called for

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# MINUTES.

1. The devotional exercises opening the Forty Third Annual session of the Unity Baptist Association, at Bethsalem church, October 5th, 1897, were conducted by G. W. Taylor, who read 12th chapter of Romans. G. W. Taylor, S. M. Adams and T. J. Deason led in prayer.

2. At 11 a.m. R. H. Long preached the introductory sermon; text, 2 Thess. 2 chapter, 13 verse. Subject "Election."

3. Adjourned for dinner till 1 : 30 p.m.

AFTERNOON FIRST DAY.

4. At 1 : 30 the Association assembled. In the absence of J. G. Lowrey, our former Moderator, the Association was called to order by the Clerk and a part of the 37th Psalm was read, and M. M. Wood led the Association in prayer.

5. F. M. Woods was elected temporary Moderator.

6. The letters from the churches were read by M. M. Wood and C. Johnson; and delegates were enrolled.

*Mt. Carmel*—D. M. Apperson, T. B. Minor.
*Ebenezer*—W. J. Ruddick.
*Shady Grove*—John Moore, W. J. Zimmerman.
*Maple Spring*—R. H. Long, W. L. Price, T. W. Wilson.
*New Prospect*—B. F. Johnson, G. W. Coburn, John Wilson.
*Shiloh*—A. C. Pool, S. J. Blackman, R. L. Williams, Thos. Weldon.
*Pleasant Grove*—Letter.
*Valley Creek*—J. G. Gay, L. Latham.
*Alpine*—C. W. Klenner, W. A. Johnson.
*Bethel*—Q. C. Maroney, Thos. Herod.
*Bethesda*—W. L. King, W. L. Jones, W. B. Johnson, W. L. Jackson.
*Bethsalem*—Wm. Wilkins, H. W. Friday, J. R. Vinson, J. Moore, Sr.
*Big Spring*—W. J. Wright, Wm. Willis, G. D. Apperson, J. D. Hill, J. S. Smith.
*Chestnut Creek*—P. C. Dennis.
*Bozeman*—T. J. Henderson, J. M. Donovan.
*Corinth*—W. D. Goss, P. M. Jones, E. L. Manning.
*Clanton*—L. B. Pounds, W. I. Mullins, John H. Vines.
*Evergreen*—G. W. Taylor, R. J. Bishop, J. M. Willis, L. S. Apperson.

*Fellowship*—I. Friday.
*Enterprise*—E. O. Wends, J. E. White.
*Friendship*—W. J. Gray, N. Long, J. L. Long.
*Good Hope*—J. L. Hand, J. N. Cook, W. E. Hollie, T. M. Holland.
*Harmony*—J H. Griffis, W. N. Durden.
*Jemison*—F. M. Woods, S. M. Adams, Z. W. Langston, J. Lowery.
*Mulberry*—S. K. Rasberry, W. P. White, J. C. Veazey.
*Mt. Zion*—G. W. Willis.
*Pilgrim's Rest*—W. B. Chandler, I. M. Tidwell.
*Providence*—J. H. Thomas, G. W. Thomas, E. H. Parrish, J. M. Robinson, T. G. Taylor.
*Salem*—T. L. Robinson, J. W. Taylor.
*Verbena*—T J. Bland, H. W. Caffey, H. Jones, J. Strock.
*Randolph*—B. P. Jones.
*Sardis*—J. F. Hayes, D. Owens.
*Plantersville*—N. L. Maroney.

7. F. M. Woods was elected Moderator, and W. I. Mullins Treasurer, by acclamation. The Moderator thanked the Association and declared the body ready for business.

8. The Rules of Decorum were read by the Clerk.

9. The following visitors were recognized: M. M. Wood, Financial agent of Howard College, and representing the Board of Ministerial Education.

J. A. Howard. representative of "Alabama Baptist."
G. S. Anderson, representative of State Board of Missions.
Mrs. C. W. Ansley, Matron of Orphans' Home, at Evergreen.

10. The following committees were appointed to report this session:

*Preaching*—Pastor and Deacons of Bethsalem church.
*Letters and Documents*—T. J. Henderson, J. C. Veazey, J. L. Hand.
*Finance*—P. C. Dennis, J. G. Gay, Judson Strock.
*Deceased Ministers*—E. L. Manning, B. P. Jones, A. C. Pool.
*Aged and Infirm Ministers*—A. L. Haralson, T. J. Deason, N. L. Maroney.
*Nominations*—W. L. Jones, W. J. Wright, Z. W. Langston.
*Apportionment*—H. W. Caffey, S. K. Rasberry, J. H. Griffis.

In the absence of Chairman on Foreign Missions, M. M. Wood was asked to prepare a report thereon.

11. On motion 10 a.m. was made the hour for consideration of the report on Orphans' Home.

12. A motion by W. L. Price to appoint a Committee on

Church Music was discussed by J. E. White, W. L. Price, W. J. Ruddick, and W. L. Jones, and was lost.

13. The Association was led in prayer by G. S. Anderson and adjourned until 9 a.m. to-morrow.

## Second Day—October 6, 1897.

14. 9 a.m. Devotional exercises were conducted by L. B. Pounds.

15. Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

16. M. M. Wood spoke in the interest of correct statistical and financial reports, and list of ordained ministers.

17. 10 a.m. The report on Orphans' Home was read by Hardy Jones. The report was discussed by H. Jones, M. M. Wood, Mrs. C. W. Ansley. The report was adopted after taking a collection of $16.71 and receiving pledges from the following churches:

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| Alpine | $ 5 00 | Mt. Carmel | $3 00 |
| Bethesda | 2 50 | Mt. Zion | 2 00 |
| Big Spring | 5 00 | Mulberry | 5 00 |
| Chestnut Creek | 4 00 | New Prospect | 2 00 |
| Clanton | 5 00 | Plantersville | 5 00 |
| Ebenezer | 5 00 | Pilgrim's Rest | 2 00 |
| Enterprise | 1 00 | Randolph | 5 00 |
| Evergreen | 5 00 | Sardis | 2 00 |
| Harmony | 2 50 | Shiloh | 2 50 |
| Jemison | 10 00 | Valley Creek | 2 00 |
| Total | | | $75 50 |

18. The reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions were read and the adoption was pending when the hour arrived for the Missionary sermon.

19. The Missionary sermon was preached by G. S. Anderson, in the place of F. M. Woods; text, "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations and then shall the end come." Matt. xxiv: 14 verse. Collection for Missions $7.16.

20. After the sermon the Association adjourned for dinner till 2 p.m.

21. At 2 p.m. the Association resumed labor and was led in prayer by M. M. Wood.

22. The reports on Missions were discussed by G. S. Anderson, M. M. Wood and W. A. Parker and they were adopted.

23. H. W. Caffey read the report of the Executive Committee. Remarks were made thereon by W. I. Mullins, E. O. Wends, W. J. Ruddick, F. M. Woods. The debt due by J. W. Cabaniss to American Baptist Publication Society for $29.36 and

for which J. G. Lowery was security was raised in cash and forwarded by the Treasurer. The report was thereupon adopted.

24. On motion, adjourned until 9 a.m. to-morrow, after being led in prayer by C. Johnson.

## Third Day—October 7, 1897.

25. At 9 a.m. the Association engaged in devotional exercises conducted by C. S. Johnson.

26. The report on Temperance was made by C. Johnson. It was spoken to by C. Johnson and E. O. Wends and the report was adopted.

27. The report on Bible Schools was read by H. W. Caffey. It was discussed by A. L. Haralson, H. W. Caffey, W. J. Ruddick, W. L. Price, E. O. Wends, and adopted.

28. The reports on Education and Ministerial Education were read by the Clerk, discussed by W. J. Ruddick and M. M. Wood. They were then adopted.

26. The report on Periodicals prepared by W. J. Martin was read by W. J.Ruddick and after being amended was adopted without discussion.

30. Adjourned one hour for dinner.

31. On reassembling A. L. Haralson led in prayer.

32. A. L. Haralson read the report on Aged and Infirm Ministers and spoke to the report. A collection was taken up for the brethren named in the report amounting to $10.40 and it was then adopted. N. L. Maroney was appointed to bring this matter before the churches.

33. E. L. Manning read the report on Deceased Ministers and it was adopted.

34. W. L. Jones made the report on Nominations and it was adopted.

35. H. W. Caffey presented the report on Apportionment, and on motion it was adopted. This report *suggests* to the churches that they *try* to raise these amounts.

36. The Committee on Letters and Documents made their report through T. J. Henderson.

A motion to amend by striking out "Bozeman" and inserting "Bethesda" was carried. The amendment was discussed by J. H. Griffis, W. L. Jones, A. L. Haralson, E. L. Manning and C. S. Johnson, and the report as amended was adopted.

37. The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

*Resolved:* That the Association tender its heartfelt thanks to Bethsalem church, the brethren, sisters and friends in the community for their open hearted hospitality to us during this session.

38. The Committee on Finance made its report through P. C. Dennis.

39. The following committees were appointed to report next session :

*Foreign Missions*—C. Johnson, J. L. Bland, W. B. Strock.
*Home Missions*—W. L. Jones, J. M. Smoke, R. J. Bishop.
*State Missions*—W. J. Ruddick, N. L. Maroney, B. P. Jones.
*Education*—H. W. Caffey, T. J. Henderson, J. L. Long.
*Bible Schools*—W. I. Mullins, Z. W. Langston, W. A. Wood.
*Ministerial Education*—W. J. Martin, W. L. Sampey, R. H. Long.
*Orphans' Home*—T. U. Crumpton, S. K. Rasberry, J. G. Gay.
*Periodicals*—Judson Strock, P. C. Dennis, P. M. Moore.
*Temperance*—L. B. Pounds, J. L. Hand, S. M. Adams.
*Executive Committee*—F. M. Woods, W. I. Mullins, W. D. Sartor, W. B. Strock and H. W. Caffey.

40. A letter from Corinth church asking help to build a new house of worship was read. Bro. E. L. Manning made an explanation and a collection of $1.98 was made for Corinth.

41. The Moderator asked the Association for a collection to assist W. J. Ruddick who lost his house by fire October 2nd. The brethren responded liberally, the collection amounting to $10.73.

[Many thanks brethren, may God bless you all.
W. J. Ruddick.]

42. On motion it was ordered that $30.00 be appropriated for minutes and $20.00 for the Clerk.

43. W. I. Mullins, Treasurer, made his report and it was adopted.

44. On motion the balance of $3.60 unappropriated, be paid to Sister Longcrier, and it was so ordered.

45. The business of the Association being over, we sang "How firm a foundation," gave each other the parting hand, united in prayer, led by M. M. Wood, and adjourned to meet with Bethesda church, Autauga county, Ala., on Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1898.

F. M. Woods, *Moderator.*

W. J. Ruddick. *Stated Clerk.*

## List of Ordained Ministers.

Adams, S. M. - - - - - - - Jemison, Ala.
Billingsley, C. C. - - - - - - Billingsley, Ala.
Bone, W. J. - - - - - - - Kincheon, Ala.
Deason, T. J. - - - - - - - Kincheon, Ala.
Elam, T. J. - - - - - - Randolph, Ala.
Hand, J. L. - - - - - - - Rollins, Ala.
Jones, Hardy - - - - - - - Verbena, Ala.
Long, J. L. - - - - - - - Bozeman. Ala.
Long, R. H. - - - - - - - Jemison, Ala.
Manning, E. L. - - - - Mountain Creek, Ala.
Pounds, L. B. - - - - - Clanton, Ala.
Ruddick, W. J. - - - - - Stanton, Ala.
Smoke, J. M. - - - - - - - Huckabee, Ala.
Thomas, J. H. - - - - - - Coopers, Ala.
Wood, M. M. - - - - - - - - Lily, Ala.
Wood, W. A. - - - - - - - Clanton, Ala.
Woods, F. M. - - - - - - - Jemison, Ala.

IN MEMORY OF

# KINEON WELLS

BORN JANUARY 27TH, 1827

DIED AT CLANTON, ALA., JULY 22ND, 1897

AGED 70 YEARS 5 MONTHS AND 25 DAYS

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A DEACON FOR MANY YEARS, AND FOR TWENTY YEARS TREASURER OF THE UNITY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

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*The memory of the just is blessed.*

*Prov.* x, 7.

# REPORTS.

## REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Just before His crucifixion our Master said "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness." After His resurrection and just before His ascension, He said "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

In loving obedience to these commands of their Lord and Master, some of God's people are supporting missionaries, or preachers of the gospel, in all the nations.

Southern Baptists have missionaries in Mexico, Brazil, Italy, Japan, China and Africa,

In these countries we have 80 missionaries, 38 ordained native helpers, 95 organized churches, 141 preaching stations, 35 Sunday-schools with 1,103 scholars. The total church membership is 4,324. There were 660 baptised last year. They contributed last year. $6,658.00. These facts indicate progress and are encouraging.

We report with sorrow that great numbers of our brethren and sisters are not doing anything towards spreading the gospel in all the world. We greatly fear that our pastors, God's appointed leaders of the people, are largely to blame for this.

We recommend that the preachers preach more on the teaching of God's Word as to the spread of the gospel; that the people generally read more about our missionary work, and the needs of the field, and that we all pray more and give more.

Respectfully submitted. *Committee.*

## REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The work of the Home Board is not confined to any one section of our south land. All our Southern States are feeling the pulsings of it, as it extends its help on the mountains, in the valleys, on the seaboard and along the frontiers of civilization. The destitute of our own country; the negroes; the Germans that flock to our shores and settle in the West; the Indians on the plains; the Cuban refugees in Key West and Tampa, all hear

the gospel of Christ, through missionaries appointed by the Board, and supported by offerings from God's people. Florida, Texas and Tennesee through their representatives say: That should the support of the Home Board be withdrawn from these States, that it means failure to all organized work. Its missionaries are men of rare courage, the material for heroes, who are willing to suffer the loss of all things for the sake of preaching Jesus. Miles of journeyings, days of toil, nights of prayer and study, but little rest and sleep, seeing but little of their loved ones, coming home to-night to start again in the morning, eager listeners waiting for the word of life, anxious souls asking for light and salvation. These are but outlines of a Home Missionary's burdens and trials; and to these may be added the care of a family upon a very meagre salary. Yet amid all this there is a joy—the joy of the harvester as he gathers the ripening grain, the joy of seeing souls saved and converts baptised; and of these there are many.

Their joy will be ours, too, if we bear a part in this work; our joy to mingle with those in God's presence, to glorify God and Jesus our Saviour. Brethren help for Jesus' sake.

Respectfully, W. J. Ruddick.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The State Board of Missions is the collecting and distributing agency of the Baptists of Alabama.

Its work is first to help infant churches in important places where otherwise Baptist churches could not be established.

2. In prosecuting evangelistic work in the State at large for the further evangelising and enlisting our people in Christian work.

3. In doing missionary and colportage work, where such is needed.

4. In caring for aged and disabled ministers, their widows and orphans.

5. In seeking to foster a spirit of fellowship among churches in the Master's service and bringing them to contribute to each other's upbuilding and mutual usefulness.

It will therefore be seen that the work of this body is far reaching and of most vital importance. It calls for your heart, your prayers and your money.

What has the Board accomplished during the past 21 years? Over $148,885 has been collected and expended in State Mission work and during that time the board has raised for all purposes over $300,000, about 225 churches have been organized, 11,000 converts baptised, 2,000 Sunday-schools organized, 175 Woman's Missionary Societies established, and more young ministers educated than in years prior to its existance.

The board has also undertaken the evangelization and up-

lifting of the Negroes and the results are most gratifying. In the wisdom of the Board and by authority of the State Convention there are now six evangelists at work in the State.

This work though comparatively new has already proven itself timely and wise. We would recommend that the number be increased, if the outlook will justify.

We would urge the churches to contribute regularly and liberally to State Missions, for this is the foundation of all mission work.

We earnestly urge all our pastors and churches to receive heartily our State Evangelist when he comes, and render any assistance in their power; and that our earnest prayers go up to God for them and for our faithful Secretary, Dr. W. C. Bledsoe, by whose untiring energy and ceaseless efforts, under God, so much has been accomplished.

We heartily recommend the work of Rev. G. S. Anderson among the ministry in the Institute work; this is connected with our State Mission work and is far reaching, as it will tell on and in the generation that is coming. We suggest that our churches give their pastors the opportunity to attend, and give financial aid to this movement. Respectfully submitted,

W. J. Fleming.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We find that education is not appreciated as it should be by our people.

Knowledge and training of the right sort are greatly to be desired, and do not stop at the mere study of books, but cover a much wider field of learning.

We need to learn in a practical way and from sources that are as near pure as possible. With this end in view our denomination has established the Howard for boys, and the Judson for girls, where the young people can be taught by Christian teachers and surrounded by Christian influences.

However, we have many among us who have passed the school age or who are unable to take advantage of these sources of higher education. To all such we would suggest that by diligent use of the means at their command they may get a great deal of education that is as valuable as the college brand. By reading the Alabama Baptist and our other religious papers regularly a great deal may be learned. Our Association and District meetings, Ministers' Institutes, and Sunday-schools give opportunities for the earnest student to get knowledge.

We often speak of the great need of educated ministers to preach to the people; we also need more educated hearers and educated givers for giving of our means to support all worthy causes. This is as much a proper subject for education as learning to read Latin or Greek. We would especially recommend

to all the study of the Bible as the great text book from which all our best literature is drawn and which affords an inexhaustible fund of wisdom for all who will diligently search the Scriptures.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. Sampey, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON ORPHANS' HOME.

Dear Brethren. Our Orphans' Home has been doing well in its infancy, considering the hardness of the times since it was began in 1890. A woman's heart conceived the thought. Mrs. M. L. B. Woodson proposed, and did bequeath her entire real estate to the Alabama Baptist Convention for the use of the widows' and orphans' of Alabama, only asking the privilege to name the Home after the Christian name of her only daughter who was dead; and it was established in 1893 at Evergreen. First in a rented house, Bro. Jno. W. Stewart, the present financial secretary, having it in charge without remuneration. Since then, through his energy, and by the kind donations and contributions of brethren, sisters and friends, there has been a large brick building and out houses, with 80 acres of land on which there is a thirty acre farm, thirty acres enclosed pasture and the balance woodland, bought and paid for at a cost of $5,000. But the inmates have accumulated until it has become necessary to enlarge the building eleven rooms more, and the old building also had to be repaired, which work was in progress, but has been suspended for lack of means.

There has been gathered into the Home since it started, 33 boys and 37 girls, and out of it have gone by apprenticeship 2 boys, returned to their people 4 boys and three girls; by adoption 10 boys and 13 girls, leaving in the Home 17 boys and 21 girls, having come from 19 counties. The boys are learned to work on the farm, and the girls are taught to do house work. All that are large enough attend the South-west Alabama Agricultural School without paying tuition, and the matriculation and incidental fees are small. They go to Sunday-school and church. They seem to be well disciplined under the surveillance of their noble hearted Christian matron, Mrs. C. W. Ansley, who is sacrificing some worldly interests which are dear to her, for the sake of the little unfortunates, assisted by the Godly, sweet-tempered and devoted Mrs. Mollie Jones. Seven of them have professed religion and joined the church, four standing for baptism.

And now, dear brethren, these are the Lord's poor, and He has given them to us in charge, and He means to take care of them through us. The thought of suffering orphans touches the tenderest chord of the human being. Surely no Christian heart can be so adamantine as not to be moved by so tender an object. We must finish the house before the bleak cold winter winds and drenching freezing rains shall blow and beat upon the little

ones. And they must have bread. Let us give now and give freely, remembering that the Lord loveth a cheerful giver, and it shall be measured to you again, pressed down and shaken together and running over. Luke 6 : 38.

Respectfully submitted,

HARDY JONES, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

No funds being in the hands of your Committee actually or prospectively to carry on Mission work in the Association the past year, no attempt was made to employ a missionary, or do any colportage work.

We would respectfully call the attention of the Association to a debt due the American Baptist Publication Society, for books purchased by your former colporter, and remaining due and unpaid.

Respectfully submitted,

W. I. MULLINS, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee beg to say, by way of report, that our people are making slow progress in improvement along the line of instructions offered them through our papers and periodicals. To say this is to say, also, that they are making little progress in their development as workers for the Master.

Earnestness and an enthusiasm, guarded by prayer, are wanting. These qualities, if qualities they may be called, are essential, and are acquired only through the medium of education on our doctrines and practices, by our common sympathies and our interchange of ideas. Ignorance can never inspire courage, zeal, or make us enthusiastic in our efforts as Christians. We must be thoroughly informed, to be wide awake to the duties and responsibilities of life, to say nothing of the duties and responsibilities of Christians. With our facilities of acquiring knowledge ignorance is a sin.

A large number of our members do not take the Alabama Baptist, our own State paper. A great number do not read any religious papers at all, and do not attend Sabbath-school. Where shall they be informed? From what point shall their earnestness and sympathy come? Can our preachers, with only a few minutes once a month, supply all this? We think not.

We recommend for careful reading, and study, all of our Baptist publications; or as many of them as can be read; but we particularly recommend the Alabama Baptist, published at Montgomery. It is the organ of the Baptist State Convention, and well worthy a place in every home in the land. We also recommend the Texas Baptist Standard, and the publications of the Southern Baptist Convention.

W. J. MARTIN.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

This work was committed at the last session of our State Convention to a board or committee of brethren of whom Rev. W. A. Hobson is chairman and whose headquarters are located at East Lake. A recent notice called attention to the fact that they were behind on the finances of last year, and an earnest appeal made to wipe out the deficit. Will you help? This work appeals to us very closely, it really appeals to our selfishness. What am I to get out of it? We educate our young men, they get the worth of our money, then they leave us and we never hear a sermon from them. But let us overcome our selfishness, and see that it is the Lord's work. The field is the world; wherever the preacher may go he is still in the same work and others are benefited. One soweth and another reapeth—others have sown and we enjoy the reaping as godly men preach to us of Jesus.

There is no young minister being educated by our Association now, but there are many from different parts of the State who will be in schools and college this year. Let us help them, as not many wise men after the flesh are called; not many mighty, not many noble, as the world looks at these things. Men called of God from the humble walks of life to preach the gospel of Jesus are thrown on us by our God to prepare them for their life work.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. RUDDICK, *for Committee.*

REPORT ON BIBLE SCHOOLS.

The Bible has "God for its Author, salvation for its end, and truth without admixture of error for its matter." It is the Book of Books; God's priceless heritage to man, given to beautify, adorn and exalt the soul, and fit it for a residence in that "city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God." It embraces all "treasures of wisdom and knowledge," and reveals every spiritual truth it imports him to know, and within its heaven illumined pages "life and immortality are brought to light." It depicts in glowing colors a love so amazing, so divine that "the angels desire to look into it, and are lost in contemplation of its length, and breadth, and depth, and height." Therein we learn our depravity by nature, the necessity of a new heart, and, oh glorious and stupendous truth, that "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." The birth, life, sufferings, death and resurrection of the Redeemer of mankind, are there pourtrayed so touchingly that the most callous heart should melt at its recital, and in its inspired revelations may be found scope and amplitude for the studies of a lifetime. Unapproached in the excellence of its teachings; unsurpassed in the sublimity of its doctrines, and unrivalled in the glorious goal to which with the unerring finger of inspiration it points, it is

worthy of the divine mind from which it sprung. It is the Christian's chart and compass to guide him over the sea of life; the basal rock upon which all true knowledge of Christ, the "Light of the world," must rest, and having been given "by inspiration of God, is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." It has ever been the claim of the Baptists that the Bible is the only true criterion of Christian faith and practice; and a "Thus saith the Lord" the end of all controversy. How all important then that we engage earnestly in its study; familiarize ourselves with its teachings; make its principles the guiding star of our lives, and impart its sacred truths to our children, and those who come within the scope of our influence. How then are the sacred oracles to be studied?

I. Our Saviour commands "Search the Scriptures." This implies earnest application to ascertain its teachings. Many of its most precious truths lie deep beneath the surface, and do not reveal themselves to the superficial reader, but must be searched for, delved for, as for hidden treasure.

II. Diligently. Because nothing in the moral, or material world of real value is to be acquired without diligent effort and faithful persevering labor.

III. Daily. Because we acquire our knowledge, as we do our growth gradually, "precept by precept: here a little, there a little," and thus in the course of time will be firmly built up in the faith. Again, we need the spiritual influence of its teachings in our daily lives to meet the vicissitudes, trials, and temptations that beset us.

IV. Prayerfully. Spiritual truths are only to be spiritually discerned, and it has been promised "If any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God, who giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him." Again, the Holy Spirit is in the world, and His presence has been promised to lead Christ's followers "Into the way of all truth."

So much for the study of God's Word, and now how shall it be taught?

I. Diligently. "And these words which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart; and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."

II. Faithfully. As the custodians of the truth; as to whom the oracles of God are sacred, and who are exhorted "To contend earnestly for the faith which was once delivered to the saints," in its simplicity, in its purity, in its entirety.

III. Exactly. Without alteration, emendation or shadow of variation. No plea of convenience, expediency, or man invented excuse will warrant any deviation from this rule. Christ is the only law giver in His Zion, and has left no vice-regent on

the earth, and His orders are final and conclusive until the end of time. Listen what God says on this subject. "Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you; neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you." Deut. 4:2. "What thing soever I command you, observe to do it; thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it." Deut. 12; 32. "Add thou not unto His words, lest He reprove thee; and thou be found a liar." Prov. 30: 6.

"But in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." Matt. 15: 9.

"For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this Book, if any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this Book: and if any man shall take away from the words of the Book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the Book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this Book." Rev. 22: 18, 19.

In this connection, we are pleased to report a growing interest in the cause of Bible study on the part of the churches, through the agency of Sunday-schools; and to rejoice in the larger facilities enjoyed by the children and Sunday-school workers of this generation, for an intelligent apprehension of God's Word. Surely we may indulge the reasonable hope that our Master's hand is in all this, and that it will eventuate in a more enlightened and consecrated membership; clearer views of the true mission of the church of Christ, and larger aggressiveness against the enemies of His kingdom, until year by year these influences will widen and deepen, and all true soldiers of the cross will be actively enlisted in Immanuel's ranks, and that auspicious day be ushered in, when it is said His "Church will look forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners."

In conclusion, we would recommend that at least one Sunday-school Institute be held in each District of the Association the ensuing year.

II. That the churches belonging to the Association be urged to represent themselves in these meetings, and take an active interest in contributing to their success.

III. We renew the recommendation of your former Committee that the literature of the Sunday-school Board of the Southern Baptist Convention be used in this work.

IV. We press upon the attention of our churches the vital importance of establishing, and keeping alive throughout the year, an organization for the regular study of God's Word.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Caffey.

## REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The temperance sentiment is increasing among our people. Prohibition is gaining ground in our State and throughout the United States. In the South, especially, the temperance movement is advancing; Arkansas and Mississippi are taking high grounds upon the question. They are going ahead under the local prohibition laws and gaining new territory rapidly. Every county in Mississippi along the line of the Illinois Central Railroad, stretching from the Tennessee line to Louisiana, is a prohibition county.

Over one-half of the counties in Arkansas are under prohibitory laws, and steps are being taken by the State legislature to prohibit the sale of whisky in the State. South Carolina has its dispensary law, which has done away with the saloons, although it has not done away with the sale of intoxicating liquors. We have every reason to be encouraged with what has been accomplished by the friends of temperance in our own and in other States. It only needs an active and persevering effort upon the part of all the temperance people in Alabama to cover nearly all of the State with prohibitory laws.

The large towns and cities are the most difficult places to reach, yet we believe they can be reached and the sale of liquor driven out of them, if all professed Christians will do their duty. The liquor traffic and Christianity are antagonistic, therefore all who profess to be Christians should be opposed to it, and should throw their influence against it. The churches of Jesus Christ ought to be potent factors in getting rid of this monster evil, by the moral influence which their members, as citizens and Christians, can make upon the law-making powers of the State.

This influence can be exerted by the Christian against intemperance and its ally the saloon in the following ways:

1. By abstaining from the use of alcoholic liquors as a beverage.
2. By refusing to sign whisky petitions.
3. By refusing to rent houses for liquor shops.
4. By refusing to vote for any man for office who is an habitual dram-drinker and who patronizes the saloon.

We do not presume to dictate to our churches what they should do with their members who drink, visit or patronize saloons, or sign liquor petitions. But we will in a spirit of fraternal love most earnestly advise them to withdraw fellowship from all who persist in this course.

Respectfully submitted,

C. JOHNSON.

## REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS.

Your Committee on Deceased Ministers, beg leave to report that we find that the Lord in His kind providence has spared the

lives of all of our ministering brethren in the bounds of our Association, but has seen fit to call to his reward our beloved brother, and for twenty years our faithful Treasurer, K. Wells.

Respectfully submitted,

B. P. Jones
A. C. Pool
E. L. Manning
*Committee.*

REPORT ON AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

We, your Committee appointed to report the names of aged and infirm ministers within the bounds of the Association, find only the two brethren who have been heretofore reported, viz., C. C. Billingsley and A. G. Patrick. Your Committee presumes that the primary object of the Association in having this class of ministers reported is that, if in need, they might receive help from the Association. As these brethren have never received assistance from your body we recommend that, if needy, help be speedily rendered.

Respectfully submitted

A. L. Haralson, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON APPORTIONMENT.

Your Committee on Apportionment suggests that the churches raise the following amounts for missions the ensuing Associational year, 1897–8:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Bethesda | $20 00 | Randolph | 20 00 |
| Bozeman | 50 00 | Mt. Carmel | 8 00 |
| Bethel | 3 00 | Alpine | 6 00 |
| Clanton | 40 00 | Sardis | 4 00 |
| Chestnut Creek | 15 00 | Shiloh | 10 00 |
| Corinth | 5 00 | Verbena | 40 00 |
| Evergreen | 25 00 | Shady Grove | 15 00 |
| Friendship | 5 00 | Pilgrim's Rest | 4 00 |
| Bethsalem | 5 00 | Valley Creek | 25 00 |
| Harmony | 8 00 | Ebenezer | 35 00 |
| Mulberry | 30 00 | Plantersville | 17 00 |
| Mt. Zion | 15 00 | Salem | 7 00 |
| Maple Spring | 5 00 | Jemison | 35 00 |
| Chestnut Hill | 2 00 | Good Hope | 5 00 |
| Big Spring | 15 00 | Enterprise | 2 00 |
| New Prospect | 5 00 | Pleasant Grove | 2 00 |
| Providence | 20 00 | | |
| Total | | | $503.00 |

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Caffey
S. K. Rasberry
J. H. Griffis
*Committee.*

REPORT ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg to report as follows:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Received for Minutes and Associational purposes | | $53 25 |
| " State Missions | | 31 23 |
| " Home Missions | | 14 98 |
| " Foreign Missions | | 10 74 |
| " Orphans' Home | | 19 16 |
| " Ministerial Education | | 9 17 |
| " Howard College | | 5 00 |
| " from public collection for Orphans' Home | | 16 71 |
| " " " " " Missions | | 7 16 |
| Total | | $167 40 |

This amount has been turned over to the Treasurer.

Oct. 6, 1897. P. C. DENNIS, *Chairman.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

W. I. MULLINS in Account with THE UNITY ASSOCIATION.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| To cash on hand from last report | | $153 56 |
| " from Shiloh Church, Orphans' Home | | 4 00 |
| " " Salem Church, Howard College | | 1 00 |
| " received from Finance Committee | | 167 40 |
| " " " collection for debt of J. W. Cabaniss to Amer. Bap. Pub. Society | | 29 40 |
| " received from public collection for C. C. Billingsley and A. G. Patrick | | 10 40 |
| Total | | $365 76 |
| By J. W. Cabaniss, Receipt | | $ 5 75 |
| " W. C. Bledsoe " | | 83 96 |
| " J. W. Stewart " | | 64 30 |
| " T. P. Hale " | | 1 00 |
| " G. S. Anderson " | | 1 00 |
| " Baptist Sunday-school Board | | 2 20 |
| " G. S. Anderson, Receipt, State Missions | | 38 39 |
| " " " Home Missions | | 14 98 |
| " " " Foreign Missions | | 10 74 |
| " " " Orphans' Home | | 19 16 |
| " M. M. Wood " Ministerial Education | | 9 17 |
| " " " Howard College | | 5 00 |
| " W. J. Ruddick, for Minutes | | 30 00 |
| " " " Services | | 20 00 |
| " F. J. Paxon | | 29 40 |
| " Cash, Orphans' Home, forwarded to J. W. Stewart | | 16 71 |
| " " for C. C. Billingsley | | 5 20 |
| " " for A. G. Patrick | | 5 20 |
| " " for Sister Longcrier | | 3 60 |
| Total | | $365 76 |

Respectfully submitted,

Oct. 7, 1897. W. I. MULLINS, *Treasurer.*

REPORT ON LETTERS AND DOCUMENTS.

We are pleased to report that the missionary spirit is increasing, that the majority of the churches report revivals and over one-half report Bible schools.

We find 33 churches represented, 18 of which report Sunday-schools with 96 officers and teachers and 538 in regular attendance.

We recommend that each church organize a mission society, also that they send up the number of officers, teachers and students enrolled, as it is impossible for the Committee to render a correct report without it.

We further recommend that the next session be held with Bethesda church and that Fellowship church be granted a letter of dismission.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. HENDERSON, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee on Nominations recommend the following:

*To preach Introductory Sermon next session*—S. M. Adams; alternate L. B. Pounds.

*To preach Missionary Sermon next session*—C. S. Johnson; alternate J. M. Smoke.

*Delegates to Baptist State Convention*—H. W. Caffey, W. I. Mullins, G. W. Taylor, L. B. Pounds, S. K. Rasberry.

*Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention*—W. J. Ruddick; alternate H. W. Caffey.

We further recommend that the District meetings be held as follows:

FIRST DISTRICT with Big Spring church, Friday before fifth Sunday in January, 1898.

SECOND DISTRICT with Chestnut Creek church, Friday before fifth Sunday in May, 1898.

THIRD DISTRICT with Jemison church, Friday before fifth Sunday in July, 1898.

Pastors and Deacons of these churches to prepare programs.

Respectfuly submitted.

W. L. JONES, *Chairman.*

## ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one only living and true God—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; these three are one.—1 Cor. 8: 6; Deut. 6: 4; Matt. 28: 19; 2 Cor. 13: 14; 1 John 5: 7.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only correct rule of faith and practice.—2 Peter 1: 21; 2 Tim. 3: 16.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election, and that God chose His people in Christ before the foundation of the world, through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.—1 Peter 1: 25; Eph. 1: 4; 2 Thess. 2: 13.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.—Rom. 3: 23: 5: 12; 3: 10.

5. We believe in man's inability to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature.—Rom. 5: 6; John 6: 44; Eph. 2: 1–5; Phil. 2: 13.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.—Rom. 5: 1; Gal. 2: 16–20.

7. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away.—2 Cor. 12: 9; Col. 3: 4; Rom. 8: 38,39.

8. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the church of Christ, and that true believers are the only proper subjects, and that immersion only is baptism.—Matt. 3: 5, 6, 13, 16; Acts 2: 37, 38; Acts 8: 38, 39.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.—Acts 17: 31; John 5: 28, 29.

10. We believe that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting.—Matt. 25: 46.

11. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances except those who are called of God and have been regularly baptised, approved by the church and come under the imposition of hands by a presbytery.—1 Tim. 4: 14; Acts 26: 16.

12. We believe that none but regularly baptised believers have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.—Acts 2: 42–44; 2 Cor. 6: 14; 1 Cor. 11: 23–29.

## CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be known as "The Unity Baptist Association," and shall be composed of delegates from such churches as constitute, or may hereafter unite with this body.

Art. 2. The design of its labors shall be to promote the

cause of Christ and to encourage those objects supported by Baptists generally.

ART. 3. This Association shall hold its sessions annually, at such a time and place as it may appoint.

ART. 4. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator and Treasurer—to be elected annually—and a stated Clerk, elected for life or good behavior—each of whom shall perform all the duties appertaining to such offices in similar bodies; and in the case of the absence of any officer one *pro tem.* shall be appointed by the Association until an election is declared.

ART. 5. A record of the proceedings of this Association shall be kept by the Clerk, and, as soon as practicable after the close of each session, he shall superintend the printing of the minutes thereof, and shall furnish each church with a suitable number of copies.

ART. 6. Any church subscribing to our Abstract of Faith may be admitted into this Association by consent of the members in session.

ART. 7. Any church, othodox in faith and practice, and which has complied with this Constitution, may withdraw from this body by the consent of a majority of the members in session.

ART. 8. This Association, in regular session, may dissolve its connection with any church which may differ with it in doctrine and practice.

ART. 9. Any church of this Association, with thirty members or less, shall be entitled to two delegates, and one additional delegate for every additional twenty-five members or fractional part thereof.

ART. 10. It shall be the duty of each church to forward a written communication to every session, specifying the names of its delegates and the state of the church.

ART. 11. If a difficulty should arise in a church, which cannot be settled thereby, the church shall call aid from two or more sister churches; if the matter cannot then be adjusted, it shall be referred to the Association for advice.

ART. 12. All queries must be acted upon by the churches in which they may originate, and when they fail to be disposed of therein, must be reported, by letter, to the Association; the decision thereof shall be considered as an advisory answer.

ART. 13. This Association shall have a fund supplied by the voluntary contributions of the churches, and all moneys thus contributed shall be transmitted and paid over to the Finance Committee, and said committee to pay over to the Treasurer.

ART. 14. Any article of this Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the delegates present at any regular session.

## RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. The officers of the Association shall be chosen by the suffrages of the membership present.

3. The Moderator shall be considered a judge of order, and shall have discretionary right to call to order at any time.

4. Any member not satisfied with this decision may appeal to the Association the same day, but at no other time

5. But one member shall speak at a time, and he shall rise, and obtaining permission, proceed; such permission being signified by the Moderator naming the person, or otherwise,

6. No person shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject; and every motion made and seconded, in order, shall come under the consideration of the Association, and be decided, unless withdrawn by him who made it.

7. Every case taken up by the Association shall be decided or withdrawn before another is offered.

8. When a question has been introduced, and sufficient time allowed for debate, the Moderator shall take the voice of the Association upon the subject; those in the affirmative shall make it known by saying aye, and those opposed shall make it known by saying nay.

9. The appellation "brother" shall be used in the Association when one brother addresses another, but this article shall not be so construed as to ignore the Moderator.

10. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission from the Moderator.

11. The names of the delegates shall be called as often as the Association shall direct.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided he appoints another to his seat; but shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided. He may also appoint committees necessary for transacting any business that may, from time to time, come before the Association.

13. Any member violating these rules shall be reproved by the Moderator, but only on the day such violation occurs.

14. These rules shall be read at the opening of every session of the Association, and may be altered or amended whenever a majority of the membership present shall deem it necessary,

## DISTRICTS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

First—Autaugaville, Bethesda, Big Spring, Bethel, Evergreen, Harmony, Shady Grove.

Second—Bethsalem, Bozeman, Chestnut Creek, Friendship, New Prospect, Shiloh, Verbena, Corinth, Enterprise, Good Hope.

Third—Clanton, Mt. Zion, Salem, Providence, Maple Springs, Mulberry, Jemison.

Fourth—Alpine, Chestnut Hill, Ebenezer, Mt. Carmel, Pleasant Grove, Plantersville, Randolph, Sardis, Valley Creek, Pilgrim's Rest.

# STATISTICS OF UNITY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION 1897.

| CHURCH | COUNTY | PASTOR | CLERK | CLERK'S P.O. | Membership last Reported | Increase | | | | Decrease | | | | Present Membership | SUNDAY SCHOOL | | | Preaching Sabbaths | Reports Prayer Mtg. | Reports Revival |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | Baptism | Letter | Voucher | Restoration | Letter | Exclusion | Erasure | Death | | Offic'rs & T'ch'rs | Pupils | SUPERINTENDENT'S NAME AND P. O. ADDRESS | | | |
| Alpine | Chilton | A. M. Perry | J. T. Jones Jr. | Plantersville | 91 | 5 | 3 | | | 3 | | | | 96 | 5 | 25 | J. F. Johnson, Stanton | 3 | | 1 |
| Autaugaville* | Autauga | | | | 8 | | | | | | | | | 8 | | | | | | |
| Bethel | Autauga | A. M. Perry | G. W. Weaver | Vinehill | 41 | 1 | 2 | | | 3 | | | | 41 | | | | 1 | | |
| Bethesda | Autauga | J. M. Smoke | W. L. Jones | Independence | 101 | 23 | 5 | | | | | 1 | 1 | 127 | 6 | 50 | W. D. Wyatt, Independence | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| Bethsalem | Chilton | W. A. Wood | F. R. Vinson | Kincheon | 56 | | | | 1 | | | | | 57 | | | Joe Moor, Energy | 1 | | |
| Big Springs | Autauga | J. W. Cabaniss | W. N. Gaines | Billingsley | 114 | 1 | | | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 113 | 3 | 15 | Joel Spegner, Billingsley | 2 | | |
| Bozeman | Autauga | C. Johnson | J. T. Levens | Mountain Cr'k | 109 | | 5 | | | 7 | 1 | | 1 | 105 | 8 | 75 | J. B. Gray, Bozeman [1 & | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Chestnut Creek | Chilton | J. L. Hand | Jno. W. Dennis | Coopers | 103 | 14 | 3 | | | 1 | 3 | | 2 | 114 | | | | 3 | | 1 |
| Chestnut Hill* | Chilton | | | | 16 | | | | | | | | | 16 | | | | | | |
| Clanton | Chilton | F. M. Woods | W. I. Mullins | Clanton | 94 | | 6 | | | 6 | | | 3 | 91 | 8 | 125 | W. I. Mullins, Clanton | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Corinth | Chilton | J. H Thomas | W. B. Jones | Burwell | 47 | 10 | 3 | | | 2 | | | | 58 | 3 | 25 | E. L. Jones, Burwell | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Ebenezer | Chilton | W. J. Ruddick | J. H. Mitchell | Stanton | 104 | 2 | 14 | | 1 | 10 | 3 | | | 108 | 5 | 60 | W. L. Price, Stanton | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| Enterprise | Chilton | J. Moore | E. O. Wends | Energy | 12 | | | | 1 | | | | | 13 | | | | 3 | | |
| Evergreen | Autauga | W. J. Ruddick | E. M. Bishop | Huckabee | 88 | 10 | 1 | | | 2 | | | | 97 | 6 | 35 | H. E. Wallace, Huckabee | 3 | | 1 |
| Fellowship† | | | | | 196 | | | | | | | | | 196 | | | | | | |
| Friendship | Elmore | E. L. Manning | J. L. Long | Bozeman | 19 | | 2 | | | | | | | 21 | 3 | 15 | W. J. Gray, Bozeman | 4 | | 1 |
| Good Hope | Autauga | J. L. Hand | W. E. Boon | Rollins | 43 | 3 | 5 | | 1 | 4 | 2 | | | 46 | | 46 | | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Harmony | Autauga | L. B. Pounds | W. C. Adair | Jones' Switch | 47 | | 2 | | 1 | 11 | | | 2 | 37 | | | | 1 | | |
| Jemison | Chilton | F. M. Woods | E. L. Smith | Jemison | 124 | 4 | 12 | | | 14 | | | 3 | 123 | 8 | 70 | Thomas Harrison, Jemison | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Maple Spring | Chilton | R. H. Long | F. Jones | Coopers | 56 | 1 | 8 | | | 2 | | | 3 | 60 | | | | 1 | | |
| Mt. Carmel | Chilton | A. M. Perry | W. M. Roebuck | Stanton | 71 | 12 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 19 | 3 | | 3 | 66 | 5 | 70 | D. M. Apperson, Stanton | 4 | | 1 |
| Mt. Zion | Chilton | L. B. Pounds | D. H Mullins | Jumbo | 47 | | | | | 10 | | | 1 | 36 | 4 | 40 | H. C. Young, Jumbo | 3 | | |
| Mulberry | Chilton | F. M. Woods | J. C. Veazey | Lily | 172 | 3 | 5 | | | 6 | | | 2 | 172 | 5 | 57 | J. L. Williams, Lily | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| New Prospect | Autauga | J. C. Thomas | B. F. Johnson | Wadsworth | 46 | 7 | 7 | | | | 2 | | | 58 | | | | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Plantersville | Dallas | J. A. McCrary | I. W. Chandler | Plantersville | 63 | 5 | | | | 5 | | | | 63 | | | | 4 | | 1 |
| Pleasant Grove | Chilton | G. W. Freeman | J. P. Merchant | Shoults | 66 | 21 | 3 | | | 4 | 2 | | 2 | 82 | 8 | 50 | J. P. Merchant, Shoults | 1 | | 1 |
| Pilgrim's Rest | Chilton | A. M. Fosnee | I. M. Tidwell | Billingsley | 38 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 1 | | | 45 | 5 | 32 | J. T. Anderson, Stanton | 2 | | 1 |
| Providence | Chilton | R.M.Honeycutt | R. Robinson | Clanton | 130 | 2 | 2 | | 2 | 2 | 4 | | 3 | 127 | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Randolph | Bibb | W. A. Parker Jr | H.G.Thompson | Randolph | 29 | | 5 | | | 5 | | | | 29 | 5 | 30 | J. M. Davis, Randolph | 3 | 1 | |
| Sardis | Chilton | T. J. Deason | J. D. Deason | Stanton | 51 | 4 | 2 | | 1 | 5 | 2 | | 1 | 50 | | | | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Salem | Chilton | W. J. Bone | D. S. Robinson | Coopers | 47 | 3 | 3 | | 1 | 4 | | | | 50 | | | | 4 | | 1 |
| Shady Grove | Dallas | W. J. Ruddick | R.G Underwood | Burnsville | 32 | | | | | 2 | | | | 30 | | | | | | |
| Shiloh | Chilton | T. J. Deason | E. B. Deason | Kincheon | 115 | 9 | 4 | | | 13 | 6 | | 1 | 108 | | | | | | 1 |
| Valley Creek | Chilton | A. M. Perry | W. W. Gandy | Plantersville | 67 | 2 | 2 | | | 1 | | | 1 | 69 | 6 | 30 | J. G. Gay, Plantersville | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Verbena | Chilton | F. M. Woods | W. H. Strock | Verbena | 73 | 5 | 4 | | | 2 | | | | 80 | 5 | 25 | H. W. Caffey, Verbena | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Total | | | | | 2492 | 156 | 112 | 2 | 12 | 148 | 29 | 1 | 30 | 2372 | 98 | 875 | | | | |

*Not represented †Dismissed by Letter

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# FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF UNITY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION 1897.

| CHURCHES | State Missions | Home Missions | Foreign Missions | Bible & Colportage | Ministerial Education | Howard College | Orphans' Home | Minutes | Home Expenses: Pastor's Salary | Home Expenses: Repairs, Fuel, etc | Home Expenses: Sunday-school | Total | Societies & Sunday-school: Missions | Societies & Sunday-school: Home Expenses | Societies & Sunday-school: Orphans' Home | Societies & Sunday-school: School Expenses | Value of Property |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alpine | $ .... | $ 1.00 | $ .... | $ .... | $ 5.00 | $ .... | $ 3.00 | $ 2.00 | $ .... | $ .... | $ .... | $ 11.00 | $ .... | $ .... | $ .... | $ .... | $ 300 |
| Autaugaville* | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 600 |
| Bethel | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3.00 | ..... | 16.00 | ..... | 19.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 400 |
| Bethesda | 3.40 | 4.93 | 4.13 | .... | ..... | ..... | 2.06 | 3.00 | ..... | .... | ..... | 17.52 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 500 |
| Bethsalem | .50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1.50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 350 |
| Big Spring | 5.00 | 3.50 | 3.50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 5.00 | 2.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 19.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 800 |
| Bozeman | 17.25 | ..... | 20.64 | ..... | 10.00 | 25.00 | 13.70 | 1.50 | 275.00 | 35.00 | ..... | 398.07 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1500 |
| Chestnut Creek | .80 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2.50 | 1.25 | 50.00 | ..... | ..... | 54.55 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 500 |
| Chestnut Hill* | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Clanton | 9.22 | 1.31 | ..... | ..... | 10 00 | ..... | 10.62 | 2.00 | 200.00 | 75.00 | ..... | 308.15 | ..... | 10.00 | 5.00 | ..... | 1550 |
| Corinth | 1.25 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1.25 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2.50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 50 |
| Ebenezer | 8.79 | 2.40 | 2.10 | 3.50 | .... | ..... | 5.00 | 2.50 | 100.00 | 15.90 | ..... | 140.19 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 14.00 | 1200 |
| Enterprise | .50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .50 | .50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1.50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Evergreen | 1.50 | 1.50 | 1.01 | 5.00 | 1.86 | ..... | 5.00 | 3.00 | 45.00 | ..... | ..... | 63.87 | 1.01 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 300 |
| Fellowship | 22.70 | 3.96 | 15.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 15.96 | ..... | ..... | 22.00 | ..... | 79.62 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Friendship | 1.00 | 1.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1.00 | .50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3.50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 200 |
| Good Hope | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1.50 | 25.80 | ..... | ..... | 30.30 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 150 |
| Harmony | 8.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 10.00 | 1.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 500 |
| Jemison | 18.50 | 9.00 | 9.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3.00 | 200.00 | 30.80 | 16.00 | 286.30 | ..... | 12.80 | ..... | ..... | 1000 |
| Maple Spring | 1.00 | .50 | .50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1.00 | .75 | 29.00 | ..... | ..... | 32.75 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 300 |
| Mt. Carmel | 2.20 | ..... | ..... | .58 | ..... | ..... | 2.50 | 2.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 7.28 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 400 |
| Mt. Zion | 4.25 | 2.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3.38 | 1.00 | 50.00 | ..... | ..... | 60.63 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 350 |
| Mulberry | 11.80 | .... | 84 | .... | 1.22 | ..... | 2.00 | 2.50 | 200.00 | ..... | ..... | 219.20 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 800 |
| New Prospect | .50 | .50 | .50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2.50 | .50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4.60 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 150 |
| Plantersville | 1.00 | 2.00 | 1.00 | ..... | .50 | ..... | ..... | .50 | 100.00 | 25.00 | ..... | 130.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 400 |
| Pleasant Grove | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1.50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1.50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 500 |
| Pilgrim's Rest | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4.20 | 1.50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 5.70 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 300 |
| Providence | 1.33 | 1.55 | 1.60 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2.80 | 1.50 | 32.65 | 12.30 | ..... | 53.73 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 300 |
| Randolph | 4.50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1.50 | 100.00 | ..... | ..... | 106.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 300 |
| Sardis | ..... | 1 00 | 1.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1.00 | 1.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 150 |
| Salem | .25 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .60 | 1.75 | 25.00 | ..... | ..... | 27.60 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 150 |
| Shady Grove | 5.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3.00 | 54.00 | ..... | ..... | 62.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 500 |
| Shiloh | 2.30 | ..... | 2.70 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1.25 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 6.25 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 300 |
| Valley Creek | 5.00 | 2.50 | 2.50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2.50 | 1.50 | 50.00 | ..... | ..... | 64.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 300 |
| Verbena | 19.35 | 1.34 | 10.00 | 5.00 | 6.00 | 5.00 | 8.50 | 1.40 | 125.00 | ..... | 11.18 | 192.77 | ..... | 16.32 | ..... | ..... | 2000 |
| Collected at Assoc | 7.17 | ..... | ..... | 15.90 | ..... | ..... | 16.71 | ..... | ..... | 20.90 | ..... | 60.67 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Total | 165.93 | 41.83 | 77.02 | 29.98 | 34.58 | 30.00 | 112.03 | 53.25 | 166145 | 252.90 | 27.18 | 2485.25 | 2.01 | 39.12 | 5.00 | 14.00 | 17,100 |

*Not represented

## Time and Place of Meeting, and Officers of the Association from its origin to the present.

| Year | Place of Meeting | Preacher of Introductory Sermon | Moderator | Clerk | Treasurer |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1855 | Shady Grove | J. R. Sartor | B. B. Smith | J. N. Gradick | J. Nunn |
| 1856 | Plantersville | A. C. Patillo | B. B. Smith | J. I. Lamar | J. Nunn |
| 1857 | Mulberry | A. Andrews | B. B. Smith | J. I. Lamar | J. Nunn |
| 1858 | Kingston | D. M. Lloyd | J. D. Moodie | J. I. Lamar | J. Nunn |
| 1859 | Harmony | T. H. Ray | I. U. Wilkes | J. I. Lamar | J. Nunn |
| 1860 | Ebenezer | J. D. Moodie | I. U. Wilkes | J. I. Lamar | J. Nunn |
| 1861 | Chestnut Creek | W. Wilkes | I. U. Wilkes | J. I. Lamar | L. B. Parker |
| 1862 | Bethesda | A. Andrews | I. U. Wilkes | A. L. Haralson | L. B. Parker |
| 1863 | | | | | |
| 1864 | Randolph | | | | |
| 1865 | Plantersville | A. Andrews | A. Andrews | W. R. Gandy | L. B. Parker |
| 1866 | | | | | |
| 1867 | Fellowship | | | | |
| 1868 | Harmony | | | | |
| 1869 | Bethel | A. Andrews | A. Andrews | W. C. Adair | L. B. Parker |
| 1870 | Mt. Hebron | W. Lee | A. Andrews | W. C. Adair | L. B. Parker |
| 1871 | Mulberry | J. Allen | A. Andrews | W. C. Adair | L. B. Parker |
| 1872 | Chestnut Creek | W. Lee | A. Andrews | J. L. Williams | W. C. Adair |
| 1873 | Big Spring | J. A. Mullins | A. Andrews | H. E. Longerier | W. C. Adair |
| 1874 | Plantersville | G. W. Mills | A. Andrews | H. E. Longerier | K. Wells |
| 1875 | Mount Zion | W. Lee | William Lee | H. E. Longerier | K. Wells |
| 1876 | Ebenezer | J. A. Mullins | William Lee | H. E. Longerier | K. Wells |
| 1877 | Harmony | A. Andrews | William Lee | H. E. Longerier | K. Wells |
| 1878 | Chestnut Creek | F. M. Vines | A. Andrews | H. E. Longerier | K. Wells |
| 1879 | Fellowship | A. L. Blizard | A. Andrews | H. E. Longerier | K. Wells |
| 1880 | Bethesda | G. W. Mills | J. Falkner | H. E. Longerier | K. Wells |
| 1881 | Mulberry | H. E. Longerier | J. Falkner | H. E. Longerier | K. Wells |
| 1882 | Shiloh | A. Andrews | J. Falkner | H. E. Longerier | K. Wells |
| 1883 | Randolph | G. W. Mills | J. Falkner | H. E. Longerier | K. Wells |
| 1884 | Harmony | W. N. Huckabee | J. Falkner | T. M. Henley | K. Wells |
| 1885 | Friendship | J. A. Mullins | A. J. Brooks | T. M. Henley | K. Wells |
| 1886 | Clanton | Hardy Jones | A. J. Brooks | T. M. Henley | K. Wells |
| 1887 | Plantersville | J. Falkner | A. J. Brooks | T. M. Henley | K. Wells |
| 1888 | Verbena | W. J. Ruddick | A. J. Brooks | W. J. Ruddick | K. Wells |
| 1889 | Ebenezer | G. W. Mills | A. J. Brooks | W. J. Ruddick | K. Wells |
| 1890 | Big Springs | J. W. Mitchell | A. J. Brooks | W. J. Ruddick | K. Wells |
| 1891 | Mount Carmel | J. M. McCord | A. J. Brooks | W. J. Ruddick | K. Wells |
| 1892 | Chestnut Creek | H. Jones | A. J. Brooks | W. J. Ruddick | K. Wells |
| 1893 | Evergreen | J. W. Dunaway | J. W. Dunaway | W. J. Ruddick | K. Wells |
| 1894 | Mount Zion | W. J. Ruddick | J. G. Lowery | W. J. Ruddick | W. I. Mullins |
| 1895 | Fellowship | J. G. Lowery | J. G. Lowery | W. J. Ruddick | W. I. Mullins |
| 1896 | Providence | F. M. Woods | J. G. Lowery | W. J. Ruddick | W. I. Mullins |
| 1897 | Bethsalem | R. H. Long | F. M. Woods | W. J. Ruddick | W. I. Mullins |